

## SLUGGING OF BUTTON WORKERS STOPPED

A climax in the strike of the button workers in Muscatine, Ia., was reached Monday, following the killing of a policeman there Sunday by a striker, and the slugging of women and girls by hired thugs and members of the police department aroused the Chicago Federation of Labor to vigorous protest yesterday.

It is understood that through Thomas Haskins, who is alleged to have murdered Policeman Gerischer, was a member of the Button Workers' union, difficulty over the strike was not the cause of the shooting. Haskins had been involved in whisky smuggling, and shot the policeman, according to reports, to avoid arrest.

Following telegrams from President Gompers of the A. F. of L., and from organizers at Muscatine, a telegram was sent to Gov. Carroll of Iowa demanding that the outrages be stopped, and the executive immediately sent a representative to the scene of the trouble. This morning it was reported that the slugging had been suppressed, and the strike would continue peaceably.

The messages sent to the local labor leaders said the chief of police had ordered that picketing by the strikers cease. Sluggers had been imported by the factory officials, and women and girls were severely beaten. In many cases they were followed into their homes and attacked.

The city police, seizing the

murder of the policeman as a pretext, arrested many innocent girls and held them in jail.

City and county officials threatened to deport the leaders of the strikers, and a telegram was sent to Gompers. He advised them to stand their ground and carry on the strike by all lawful means.

Emmett T. Flood sent word to the Chicago Federation, asking for help, and Miss Catherine Finnegan, a member of the Women's Trades Union League went to Muscatine. Fifty organizers volunteered for the duty.

The protest to Gov. Carroll was prompted by a telegram received yesterday afternoon from Flood, which follows:

"Business men, manufacturers and Chicago sluggers held mass meeting and passed resolution to ride Miss Finnegan and myself out of town. Mass meeting of workers have agreed to remain in continuous session and see that these anarchists be prevented from using mob violence to deport their representatives and the organizers of the A. F. of L. Emmet T. Flood."

The meeting of the strikers remained in session all night. About 2,500 button workers are involved in the walk-out.

It is thought the action of Gov. Carroll will put a permanent stop to the lawless action of the imported strikers.

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These naughty trusts are hanging mistletoe over their heads when Teddy comes around.